Slum Improvement Project for Bangalore city.

3041. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minisrter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government proposes to take up Slum Improvement Project for Bangalore city;

(b) if so, the total cost of the proposed project;

(c) the number of slum dwellers estimated to be benefited from the proposed project in Bangalore city; and

(d) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 508.88 crore.

(c) 6.88 lakh slum dwellers.

(d) The Govt, of Karnataka proposes to take up slum improvement project for Bangalore city with the external assistance from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The project proposal after receipt of the comments of the Planning Commission could be forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs for taking up the matter with JBIC.

Metro rail projects for cities with more than five million population

3042. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMARAGARWALLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has requested the Planning Commission for giving approval to metro rail projects in cities having more than five million population so as to solve the increasing problem of traffic congestion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and